

BETHEL BAPTIST PRINTING MINISTRY

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In late 1991 the Bethel Baptist Church of London, Ontario, established a missionary printing ministry to publish sound material for Canada and other parts of the world. For many years Pastor Wilbert Unger had nurtured a burden for printing. As of 1991, the church was meeting in a rented facility and, because of the high price of property in the area, it looked as if they would never be able to afford their own building. That fall they made the decision to invest some of the building fund in an effort to further the Great Commission while there is time. Thus in late 1991 the church voted to take part of their savings and set up a print shop. The church also began supporting one of the members full-time as a printer.

That was in October 1991. Before the end of the year, the Lord had blessed them with their own building! They unexpectedly found a building which they were able to purchase on a 10-year note, with monthly payments of \$1,000 less than they were paying for rent. What a coincidence, huh? This reminds us of Luke 6:38--"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Since then, the Bethel Baptist printing ministry has published hundreds of thousands of booklets and magazines and has distributed them to many countries of the world, as well as to prisons in the United States. Materials have been printed in English, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Hungarian, and Croatian. The vast majority of their publications are given away freely. Large amounts of money are also spent in shipping the materials.

One of the Bethel Baptist Church projects is the publication and distribution of O Timothy magazine for Canada, and it is due to their efforts that this periodical goes to hundreds of churches and people in that needy country. The subscription that is charged only covers the basic cost of printing and mailing the magazine. It does not pay for the maintenance of the expensive printing operation, and it also does not pay for the tens of thousands of copies they send out freely each year to other lands.

At this time the Bethel Baptist printing ministry is publishing a Spanish edition of Seventeen Reasons Why I Left the Tongues Movement. This was written by Alfred Pohl, formerly a leader in a Pentecostal denomination. It deals scripturally with the doctrinal errors of the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement. It also describes and refutes the ecumenical aspect of modern Pentecostalism, and it contains a firsthand report of a William Branham healing crusade. With the Charismatic movement sweeping across much of the Spanish-speaking world, this book is urgently needed.

We would urge our friends to add this solid Fundamental Baptist printing ministry to their missionary budget. They need monthly support. They also need gifts to help pay for necessary equipment they have obtained to upgrade production efficiency. They also need our prayers. The devil hates these activities. Three months ago Brother Unger had a serious back operation.

Pastor Unger and his people have taken a great step of faith to establish this ministry, and they have exhausted their savings. They need the help of God's people. Printing is very expensive, but the publication of sound Bible material is one of the great needs of the hour. Missionaries all over the world are calling for sound literature, and it can be supplied only if our churches will stand behind printing ministries such as this. There are many printing projects which are waiting in the wings and which can only be completed when the necessary funds are available.

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